

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-3-9**

Date Prepared: March 5, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: March 9, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: March 9, 1998, 1:30 p.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Southern Montana Tele Docket D97.11.225 - Act on Southern's motion to amend procedural schedule (including hearing date) (3/9/98)
2. Repeat of 69-4-511 - Discuss Commission options as a result of repeal of 69-4-511 and discuss letter from Mountain Water (3/9/98)
3. USWC Docket N98.2.37 - For Commission action (3/9/98)
4. EAS and 2nd or multiple lines - Discussion and direction on PSC's intentions on EAS second lines and multiple lines (3/9/98)
5. Blackfoot Communications Docket N98.2.27 - Obtain Commission direction whether Blackfoot must file this tariff or not (3/9/98)
6. WorldCom/MCI Docket D97.10.191 - Discuss limiting the scope of this proceeding (3/9/98)
7. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 1:15 p.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY - Docket N97.12.240 (Will)

On December 18 1997, PacifiCorp filed revised tariff sheets which cancel the Company's Residential Energy Efficiency Rider Schedule 6.

2. WORLDCOM NETWORK SERVICES, INC. - Docket N98.2.30 (Nina)

On Feb. 20, 1998, WorldCom Network Services, Inc. filed a minor text change which changes the name WilMax Universal Service to Classic Service. This was a notice item on 3/2/98. Staff recommends approval.

3. MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. - Docket D98.2.25 (Eric)

On February 17, 1998, MDU filed an application seeking authority to reserve or "shelf" up to \$200,000,000 worth of Common Stock to be issued within a two-year period for the acquisition of a business and/or its assets. Alternatively, the additional Common Stock may be issued and sold in one or more public offerings, with the proceeds being used for the acquisition of a business and/or its assets. A Default Order has been drafted.

4. PACIFICORP - Docket D98.2.31 (Eric)

On February 20, 1998, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue 15,000,000 shares of Common Stock through December 31, 1999. A Default Order has been drafted.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. PROJECT TELEPHONE - Docket N98.2.44 (Kate)

On February 26, 1998, Project Telephone filed to introduce five new custom local area signaling services (CLASS) on a detariffed basis. The proposed new services are: caller ID name, call forward busy, call forward no answer, call rejection anonymous and last call return block to private.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.41 (Kate)

On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed to remove public, semi-public, and coinless pay telephone service from its tariff and to modify tariff language to accurately reflect the deregulation of payphone services in response to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and subsequent Federal Communications Commission payphone orders.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.42 (Kate)

On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed revisions to its access tariff to reflect the deregulation of US West payphone services and to ensure that payphone services are offered to all payphone providers under equal terms and conditions.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.43 (Kate)

On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed revisions to its private line transport tariff to reflect the deregulation of US West payphone services and to ensure that payphone services are offered to all payphone providers under equal terms and conditions.

5. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.47 (Nina)

On March 2, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-07, "Introduction of Long Distance Alert." This filing introduces a new optional feature to Call Waiting called Long Distance Alert, which provides a distinctive ring and /or a distinctive call waiting tone on a line for in-coming long distance calls. The feature will be deployed as a no charge option to both business and residential customers who subscribe to Call Waiting. Proprietary justification has been filed.

6. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.49 (Nina)

On March 2, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-09, "Accessibility / Mobility Promotion," introducing a Promotion For Residential Additional Line and Voice Messaging. During the promotional period from April 6, 1998 through May 15, 1998, a \$15.00 credit will be offered to residence customers who order additional exchange access lines, up to 2 additional lines per customer. During the promotional period, residential customers will also be able to order Voice Messaging Mailbox, Message Notification, and Extension Mailbox with 30 days of free service. Any applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. Proprietary justification has been filed.

This promotion is available on orders placed and /or completed during the promotional period or at the next available offered due date, and where facilities exist and are available.

7. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.45 (Vicki)

On March 2, 1998, MCI filed tariff pages to remove FCC verbiage and add state specific rates for the Basic Calling Plan Option; and to grandfather Option Y (homeMCI One).

8. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.48 (Vicki)

On March 2, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce a residential and a business flat rate option to the existing 1-800 US WEST Calling Service.

9. PACIFIC TELECOM, INC... (PTI) - Docket N98.2.38 (Bonnie)

On February 25, 1998, Pacific Telecom, Inc. (PTI) filed Tariff Advice 98-1 with revisions to PSC Mont. No. 11 tariff and to the Exchange Services Price List. The filing changes the rates for Custom Calling II services, eliminating the differential for business and residential services and revising rates. The minimum rate is being lowered for some services.

10. US WEST - Docket N98.3.46 (Bonnie)

On March 2, 1998, US WEST filed a request to extend until December 31, 1998, the Market Trial of the optional flat rated intraLATA calling plan called "The Better Deal". The initial period of the trial was for a period of six months starting 9/15/97. USWC seeks an extension of the period to 12/31/98.

11. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.33 (Vicki)

On February 23, 1998, US West filed tariff pages making minor text changes in the Montana Access Services Tariff.

12. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.34 (Vicki)

On February 23, 1998, US West filed tariff pages making minor text changes in the Private Line Transport Tariff.

13. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.35 (Vicki)

On February 23, 1998, US West filed tariff pages making minor text changes in the Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-3-16

Docket N98.2.44	PROJECT TELEPHONE (Kate)
Docket N98.2.41	US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
Docket N98.2.42	US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
Docket N98.2.43	US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)
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New Filings Received in Past Week

N98.2.41	USWC Deregulation of Pay Telephone
N98.2.42	USWC Deregulation of Pay Telephone - Access Tariff
N98.2.43	USWC Deregulation of Pay Telephone - Private Line Transport Tariff
N98.2.44	Project Telephone - Intro CLASS Services
N98.3.45	MCI - Delete FCC verbiage, add state specific rate, etc.
N98.3.46	USWC - Market trial - Better Deal Optional Calling Plan
N98.3.47	USWC - Intro of Long Distance Alert
N98.3.48	USWC - 1-800 USWC Calling Card - Flat Rate Option
N98.3.49	USWC - Accessibility/Mobility Promo
N98.3.50	Sheridan Electric Co-op - Notice of Exemption